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GREENLAND AND FISHERIES AND AGRICULTURE MINISTERS

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BEGIN SUMMARY. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TWO
DANISH MINISTERS MOST CONCERNED WITH FISHERIES
ISSUES, I WAS TOLD THAT THE GREENLANDERS ARE
INTENSELY CONCERNED OVER SALMON FISHING RESTRAINTS,
THE IMPOSITION OF WHICH THEY BLAME ON THE U.S.
BOTH MINISTERS AGREED THAT A LINKAGE OF THE
SALMON ISSUE AND U.S. BASES IN GREENLAND IS
INAPPROPRIATE AND UNACCEPTABLE BUT THE GREENLAND
MINISTER INSISTED THAT FEELINGS ARE RUNNING SO
HIGH IN GREENLAND THAT HE EXPECTS DIFFICULTIES
IN DISASSOCIATING THE TWO IN THE GREENLANDERS'
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MINDS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FISHERIES AND

AGRICULTURE MINISTER INDICATED TO ME THAT DANISH HIGH SEAS FISHERMEN HAVE ACCEPTED, ALBEIT RELUCTANTLY, THE INEVITABILITY OF A COMPLETE BAN ON HIGH SEAS SALMON FISHING OFF WEST GREENLAND BY 1976. HE ALSO SAID DENMARK IS TRYING TO MOVE FROM ITS UNCOMFORTABLY ISOLATED POSITION ON NORTHWEST ATLANTIC HERRING QUOTA BY PLANNING A COMPROMISE PROPOSAL FOR THE MARCH NEAFC MEETING IN LONDON. END SUMMARY.

1. I HAD USEFUL, SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS FEBRUARY 27 WITH THE MINISTER FOR GREENLAND, ERIK HOLGER HANSEN AND THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES AND AGRICULTURE, NIELS ANKER KOFOED, BOTH WERE APPOINTED WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN DECEMBER AND THIS WAS MY FIRST CALL ON THEM. THEIR AREAS OF COMPETENCE OVERLAP ON FISHERIES PROBLEMS OF INTEREST TO THE U.S., PARTICULARLY THE WEST GREENLAND SALMON ISSUE, AND I FOCUSED MOST OF BOTH DISCUSSION ON FISHERIES ISSUES.

2. AS A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FROM BORNHOLM FOR ANumber OF YEARS, KOFOED WAS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE ATLANTIC SALMON ISSUE, BUT PRIMARILY FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE HIGH SEAS BORNHOLM FISHERMEN. IN OUR DISCUSSION, HE WAS ADAMANT AS EVER IN HIS VIEW THAT THE PHASE-OUT OF HIGH SEAS FISHING OFF WEST GREENLAND WAS POLITICALLY INSPIRED RATHER THAN BASED ON SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE OF DECLINING STOCKS, DESPITE MY EFFORTS TO DISABUSE HIM OF THIS NOTION. HE DID NOT HOWEVER INDICATE ANY INTENTION OF REOPENING THE HIGH SEAS SALMON FISHING QUESTION, APPARENTLY BEING RESIGNED TO ITS TERMINATION BY 1976. HE ALSO DID NOT PRESS THE DANISH INTEREST IN ENLARGING THE GREENLAND INSHORE SALMON FISHING QUOTA, POSSIBLY BECAUSE I TOOK THE INITIATIVE IN EXPRESSING OUR CONCERN OVER THE GREENLANDERS IGNORING THE EXISTING QUOTE. IT WAS ALSO CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT KOFOED IS LESS INTERESTED IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FATE OF GREENLAND FISHERMEN THAN THAT OF THE BORNHOLMERS.

3. THE GREENLAND MINISTER WAS, OF COURSE, MORE DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE INSHORE SALMON QUOTA. HE AND UNDER SECRETARY HASSELBJERG (WHO JOINED HIM WHEN WE GOT ON THIS ISSUE) EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF FISHING TO THE GREENLANDERS AND,

THEREFORE, THEIR STRONG CONCERN OVER ANY EFFORTS TO RESTRICT THEIR FISHING. WHEN I CRITICIZED THE OVER-QUOTA FISHING OF SALMON FOR TWO YEARS RUNNING, THEY CLAIMED IT ACTUALLY TOOK EXTRAORDINARY RESTRAINT TO CUT OFF SALMON FISHING IN MID SEASON LAST YEAR WHILE RUNS WERE STILL EXCELLENT. MINISTER HANSEN SAID THAT, FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO GREENLAND AND THE BIOLOGISTS' REPORT ON SALMON, BOTH NEXT MONTH, THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WOULD DECIDE ON WHETHER TO ASK FOR AN ICNAF REVIEW WITH A VIEW TO INCREASING THE SALMON QUOTA FOR GREENLANDERS.

4. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH MINISTERS, I NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR BARTELS HAD TOLD ME IN WASHINGTON (REFTEL) THAT A MOVE WAS BEING MADE TO LINK THE SALMON ISSUE WITH U.S. BASES IN GREENLAND. I EMPHASIZED OUR BELIEF THAT THESE TWO SUBJECTS WERE NOT IN ANY WAY INTERRELATED AND HOPED THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WOULD FIRMLY DISCOURAGE ANY EFFORTS TO LINK THE TWO. BOTH AGREED THERE SHOULD BE NO LINKAGE, BUT THE GREENLAND MINISTER POINTED OUT THAT FEELINGS ARE RUNNING VERY HIGH IN GREENLAND ABOUT SALMON FISHING RESTRAINTS WHICH, SINCE THE U.S. IS REGARDED AS PRIME INVESTIGATOR OF THE QUOTA, FOCUSES ILL-WILL ON THE U.S. AND, HENCE, ON ITS BASES. MINISTER HANSEN SAID HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD TO QUIET GREENLANDER CONCERN DURING HIS MARCH VISIT BUT COULD NOT GUARANTEE SUCCESS.

5. ON OTHER FISHERY MATTERS, MINISTER KOFOED CONFIRMED NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT DANES ARE RELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSIDERING THEIR POSITION ON HERRING FOR THE MARCH NEAFC MEETING IN LONDON. WHILE NOT GOING SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT DENMARK WOULD ACCEPT THE PROPOSED QUOTAS, HE IMPLIED THAT IT MAY OFFER A COMPROMISE WITH SOMEWHAT HIGHER QUOTAS. IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE FELT UNCOMFORTABLE ABOUT DENMARK'S ISOLATED POSITION WITHIN NEAFC ON THIS ISSUE.

6. COMMENT: I FOUND BOTH MINISTERS PLEASANT AND THINK THAT WE CAN WORK WITH THEM USEFULLY ON PROBLEMS WHICH CONCERN US. IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT, BECAUSE OF THEIR NEWNESS TO THEIR PRESENT POSITIONS, THEY ARE NOT WELL-INFORMED ON THE BASES FOR U.S. CONCERNS OVER FISH STOCK CONSERVATION IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC. I FELT I HAD

MADE SOME PROGRESS IN CLARIFYING OUR VIEWS IN
THESE INITIAL DISCUSSIONS AND WILL CONTINUE
MY EFFORTS WITH THEM. FISHERIES AND AGRICUL-
TURE MINISTER KOFOED, BECAUSE OF HIS BUILT-IN
BORNHOLM PREJUDICE, MAY BE A HARDER NUT TO CRACK,
BUT I BELIEVE THE GREENLAND MINISTER HAS CONSI-
DERABLE MORE FLEXIBILITY. I SHALL USE MY BORNHOLM
VISIT THIS WEEKEND AND MY VISIT TO GREENLAND
IN MAY TO FORM MY OWN ASSESSMENT OF THE TEMPER
OF FISHERMEN IN THESE TWO ISLANDS.
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